

concluded, and I'd be interested in his remarks, I think he, too, concluded after I sent over to him the federal regulations that this is what we have to do. Now if you want to call the bluff, if you want to jeopardize the 7 million, if you make the judgment that these procedures are so onerous that that's the conclusion we should reach, then you can vote against this bill, but you should simply be aware that there's no question but that this is required and it is a matter of whether you get the federal money or not. So it's as simple as that, I think. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank Senator Beutler for his comments. In conclusion, I only want to say this; that it will be far cheaper in my opinion for us to reject the \$7 million than to embark upon this kind of program because the \$7 million which they are willing to give to us, first of all, they do not have. That is why they have a \$3 trillion deficit and continue to mount. But the fact that they are entering into an area which is already a quagmire where the people responsible for enforcement of the law refuse to do so, but we merely hire more people and add to the burden does not in any way solve the problem. I would ask you to vote against the bill and, in effect, as Senator Beutler says, call their bluff and I would guarantee you there will be no lasting damage to the Nebraska collection...child support collection system. With that, Mr. President, I respectfully request permission to withdraw my proposal.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn. Members, please return to your seats. We will now proceed with the reading of LB 715. Mr. Clerk, you may proceed.

CLERK: (Read LB 715 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BAACK: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 715 pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 2770 of the Legislative Journal.) 39 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, 7 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 715 passes. We'll go to LB 715A.